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# Montana Medicaid Notice

## Hospitals, ASCs, Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, RHCs, FQHCs and IHS Providers

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### Hysterectomy Acknowledgement Update

The Department has received notification from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) that medically necessary sterilizations (including hysterectomies, oophorectomies, salpingectomies, and orchiectomies) are not subject to the 30 day waiting periods applicable to elective sterilizations (for example, tubal ligations and vasectomies). Oral and written consent prior to the procedure still applies for section A (Recipient Acknowledgement Statement) of the Hysterectomy Acknowledgement consent form, but there is no waiting period. Also, for section A, client and/or physician signatures dated after the date of surgery will require manual review of medical records by the Department; the Department must verify that the client was informed prior to the surgery that the procedure would render the client permanently incapable of reproducing.

The consent form instructions and manual pages have been revised and re-posted on the Department's web site ([www.mtmedicaid.org](http://www.mtmedicaid.org)).

### Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

**Provider Relations in Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837**

**In-state toll-free: 1-800-624-3958**

Visit the Provider Information website:

**<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>**